

Amendments to the specification

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Figure 1 is a side elevational view of a machine embodying the present invention;

Figure 2 is an enlarged, perspective view of a portion of the belt of the endless conveyor assembly of the machine shown in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the machine shown in Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a rear elevational view of the machine shown in Figures 1 and 3;

Figure 5 is an enlarged, partial perspective view of a portion of the machine shown in Figures 1, 3 and 4, illustrating the manner of cooperation of the conveyor and frame supported tines in detaching articles carried by the conveyor tines;

Figure 6 is a perspective view of a portion of the lower, front end of the machine shown in Figures 1, 3 and 4, illustrating the moldboard thereof;

Figure 6a is a view similar to the view shown in Figure 6, illustrating a modification of the lower, front end of the machine;

Figure 7 is a view similar to the view shown in Figure 6, illustrating the use of a set of wheels in lieu of a skid member; and

Figure 8 is a partial, side elevational view of the conveyor assembly shown in Figures 1, 3 and 4, further illustrating the use of a rotary brush cooperating with an upper flight of such conveyor assembly.

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In lieu of a skid member provided on the moldboard for negotiating the terrain over which the machine is towed, the moldboard may be provided with a set of wheels 94 as shown in Figure 7. In addition, where the ground may be wet such as on a beach a rotary brush as shown in Figure 8 may be employed to assure the expulsion of such particles through the openings in the conveyor belt. Such rotary brush assembly would include a pair of support arms 110, 110 pivotally mounted on a transversely disposed shaft 111 journaled in bearing blocks mounted on the side walls of the support frame above the upper flight of the conveyor belt, a transversely disposed shaft 112 journaled in bearing blocks disposed on the free ends of arm members 110, 110 and a rotary brush 113 mounted on shaft 112. The pivotal connection of the arm members

thereof allows the brush to displace relative to the upper flight of the conveyor to negotiate any articles being conveyed by the belt and clumps of earth particles to be broken up and discharged through the openings in the conveyor belt. Such a rotary brush may be optionally used with a conveyor belt with or without a set of tines as described. In arrangements employing such tines, the flexibility of the tines and the bristles of the brush would permit the tines to easily pass through the brush.

In addition to allowing the moldboard to float about the pivotal axis thereof, means may be provided to fix the angular displacement of the moldboard relative to the pivotal axis thereof. Such an arrangement may include a radial arm section 95 having a slot 96 spaced radially relative to the pivotal axis thereof, and a bolt 97 having a threaded shank portion extending through such slot and threaded into a threaded hole in a support frame component and a head portion engageable with the arm section, as shown in Figure 6a.